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DOE WASHDC FOR BERGOLD AND SIEVERING, IA AND
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DOE ASST SECRETARY THORNE AND

DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY SIEVERING; ENERGY R&D

DISCUSSIONS WITH DELEGUE GENERAL A L'ENERGIE MENTRE

AND DELEGUE AUX ENERGIES NOUVELLES COLLI.

1. ON MAY 24 DOE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ENERGY
TECHNOLOGY R. THORNE (ACCOMPANIED BY DOE DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS N.
SIEVERING, AND DOE SCIENCE REP) MET WITH DELEGUE
GENERAL A L'ENERGIE PAUL MENTRE AND ASSOCIATES,
INCLUDING DIRECTOR OF THE FRENCH PETROLEUM INSTITUTE
BALACEANU AND DIRECTOR OF CERCHAR DELANOY. THE
MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE OFFICES OF MR. MENTRE AND
FOCUSED ON NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND
POTENTIAL COOPERATION AREAS. IT WAS DECIDED THAT
MORE DETAILED TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WOULD FOLLOW IN
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WASHINGTON DURING JUNE, 1978 RELATIVE TO FOSSIL
FUELS R&D. CONCLUSIONS OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH
CEA ON COOPERATION IN THE LMFBR AREA AND POSSIBLE
COOPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHEMICAL ENRICHMENT
METHOD (SEE SEPTELS) ALSO WERE RECAPITULATED. THESE

DISCUSSIONS WERE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT SEPARATE MEETING

WITH DELEGUE AUX ENERGIES NOUVELLES COLLI, AT WHICH THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGIES.

2. AFTER BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF THE FRENCH R&D EFFORTS IN THE NON-NUCLEAR AREAS BY THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES AND OF THE US PROGRAM BY MR. THORNE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT MR. BALACEANU AND A MEMBER OF CERCHAR WOULD VISIT DOE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE FOSSIL FUEL R&D PROGRAM IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND POTENTIAL COOPERATION IN THIS AREA. PARTICULAR FOCUS WOULD BE ON ENHANCED PETROLEUM RECOVERY METHODS, DRILLING TECHNIQUES, PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL, AND COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUIFACTION. THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS MEETING ARE TO BE FINALIZED BY MR. BALACEANU AND THE DOE PARIS REPRESENTATIVE.

3. MR. MENTRE BROUGHT UP DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR ISSUES INCLUDING THE STATUS OF THE LMFBR AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION. ALSO, HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE US VIEWS ON THE GAS-COOLED REACTOR, AND EMPHASIZED THAT, WITH OR WITHOUT US, FRANCE MUST MAKE A DECISION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHEMICAL ENRICHMENT PROCESS IN 1978. IT WAS AGREED THAT VIEWS ON THE GAS REACTOR PROGRAM WOULD BE EXCHANGED AT THE HIGH LEVEL OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1978 MEETING WHICH IS INTENDED TO FOLLOW THE TECHNICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LMFBR COOPERATION MEETINGS PLANNED THIS FALL (SEE SEPTTEL).

4. MR. MENTRE REITERATED HIS INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED US/FRENCH ENERGY CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM AND POLICY DISCUSSIONS AND SEEMED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE IMPACT IT MAY HAVE ON INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION R&D.

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5. IN ANSWER TO MR. THORNE'S QUESTION ON THE POTENTIAL FOR US/FRENCH R&D COOPERATION IN THE IEA FRAMEWORK, MENTRE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR AND FOSSIL FUEL AREAS OF A BILATERAL NATURE, WHEREAS CONSERVATION AND SOLAR ENERGY R&D COULD LEND THEMSELVES TO COOPERATION THROUGH IEA PROGRAMS. HE CONSIDERED FRENCH AD HOC PARTICIPATION IN SOME IEA PROJECTS (FOR INSTANCE, HEAT PUMP R&D) POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH AS HE SAID SOME "HANG-UPS IN THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY MIGHT HAVE TO BE OVERCOME".

6. MR. COLLI EXPLAINED THAT HE WILL BE THE POLITICAL COMMISSIONER IN THE SOLAR ENERGY COMMISSION (COMES) AND THAT THE GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PROGRAM WILL BE RUN BY A COORDINATING COMMITTEE. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE PROPOSED MEETINGS OF MR. DURAND, THE HEAD OF COMES, IN WASHINGTON DURING EARLY JUNE, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE PHOTOVOLTAIC PROGRAM.
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7. COMMENT: A. FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH IFP AND CERCHAR STAFF IT APPEARS THAT THE FRENCH ARE DOING WORTHWHILE WORK ON OIL RECOVERY AND HAVE DEVELOPED EXCELLENT DRILLING TECHNIQUES WHICH SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE US. IN THE AREA OF SYNTHETIC FUELS, COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUIFICATION, THEIR EFFORT IS IN INFANCY. THEY UNDOUBTEDLY CONSIDER EXPANDING THE LATTER EFFORTS AND WILL BE VERY INTERESTED TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE US PROGRAM.

B. PREVIOUS INFORMATION FROM SEVERAL

SOURCES INDICATED THAT AS A RESULT OF MR. GIRAUD BECOMING THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, MR. MENTRE'S FUNCTIONS MAY BE ALLEVIATED, AND THAT IN THEIR PAST POSITIONS THERE WAS FRICTION BETWEEN THE TWO. HOWEVER, GIRAUD'S OFFICE DIRECTED THE DOE REP TO WORK OUT THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ABOVE MEETINGS WITH MR. MENTRE AND THE LATTER ACTED VERY MUCH AS THE FRENCH "MISTER ENERGY" THROUGHOUT THE MEETINGS. SOME RUMORS INDICATE THAT MONTRE MAY BECOME THE MINISTER OR SECRETARY OF STATE (JUNIOR MINISTER) FOR ENERGY. HARTMAN

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